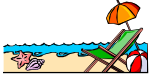


**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**



P.O. Box 4323  
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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **Dec 11, 2017.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**CAROLING**

**‘ROUND A** 

at **THE GULF - RESTAURANT**

**FRIDAY DEC. 8, STARTS 6:30**

SPONSORED BY O.I.L.A.

**JOIN US AT THE GULF RESTAURANT!**

**The Gulf restaurant will have a bonfire ready for us at 6:30. The outside restaurant and bar will be open for use. Bring your family and friends!**



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

# The OIL Lantern

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**Happy  
Hanukkah**



## DECEMBER 2017

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## Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Monday, **Dec 11, 2017**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Place:**  
Okaloosa Island Fire Station,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### II. ROLL

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest Speaker: Ms. Jessica  
Wright**, Manager of the Gulf  
Restaruant – Update on the  
January 20, 2018 Mardi Gras on  
the Island Parade.

If you speak, please state your  
name, address and if you are a  
member.

### IV. MINUTES (Draft)

Nov 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes  
(Printed in Dec 2017 OIL Lantern)

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT** –  
December 10, 2017 Treasurer's  
Report: **Jim Simpson**

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – Printed  
in the December 2017 OIL  
Lantern

B. Membership: **2017-2018 Dues  
Renewal - Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula  
Hudson**

F. Derelict Property Committee  
Report - **Committee Members**

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on OILA Christmas on  
the Island – **Nancy Hunt**

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of funding up  
to \$5,000 in legal fees to take  
action to remove moored and  
anchored vessels in Santa  
Rosa Sound.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Tripp Tolbert

I hope everyone had a warm and wonderful  
Thanksgiving with their families this year, for the  
weather was to die for.

All my thanks to OILA members Nancy Hunt, Kim  
Haines, Jim Simpson, Dave Hancock, and to any  
others for their involvement in putting together the  
Island Karaoke Christmas Caroling. This year it will  
be hosted by The Gulf on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at  
6pm. I encourage everyone to bring their families  
and join us together in this festive event with  
singing, enjoying holiday beverages around a bonfire  
in the spirit of Christmas. Also, I want to recognize  
the committee for their contributions and continued  
hard work being seen around the island. The  
Christmas lights and decorations at the welcome  
triangle, holiday banners on light poles, and the  
wrapping of mylar and lights around palm trees adds  
a festive touch and the beauty does not go  
unnoticed. Thank you!

I'm also proud to announce the resolution to the  
anchored vessels issue in the sound. I spoke to the  
owner of the floating business and neighborly  
convinced him to move out of the residential section  
of our sound and further down the Intracoastal  
Waterway out of our view corridor.

From me and my family, Joy, Jett, Skye, Sailor, &  
Styles we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and  
a prosperous New Year!

P.S. Also looking forward to working diligently with  
my fellow board members towards a resolution to  
the beach nourishment issue. After the first of the  
new year, hopefully will come up with directions on  
how the leaseholders would like me to proceed with  
this important matter.

## ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER

2017: **0** Inches

NO, NEIN, KNEE,  
NAI, BO, YUK, HAYIR,  
不行 RAIN RECORDED  
IN THE MONTH OF  
NOVEMBER (regardless  
of language, the report is  
the same – **NO RAIN**)



Average Rainfall for Nov.....**4.3** inches  
Variance to Average.....**-4.3** inches

Avg Rainfall for December.....**4.8** inches  
December Record High.....**84° F** (1968)  
December Record Low.....**8° F** (1962)  
Dec Avg Water Temperature. ....**64° F**

### Year 2017

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches  
January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)  
January Record Low .....**4° F** (1985)  
Jan Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

Rainfall Total Year to Date.....**63.3** inches  
Year Date to Variance ..... **-4.7** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:**



[WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM)

**OR**



**CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT (850) 585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT**

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## OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 147 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017



Fire Calls.....**4**  
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....**68**  
False Alarms & Alarm  
Activations.....**46**  
Other.....**26**

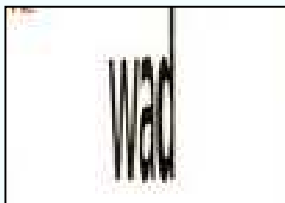


(83 calls were responded to in October 2016)

## WUZZLE PUZZLES

- What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the "disguised" meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on the following page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



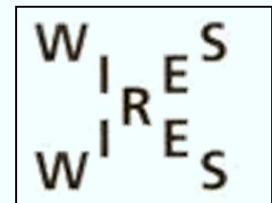
Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017** for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee.  
**SPECIAL NOTICES:** 1) The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Tourist Development Center building. 2) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.

Date	Lot(s)	Block	Owner/Address	Description	In Compliance and Approved?
Nov 17	214	5	Arnold & Alberta Kurstjens/505 Dory Ave	Completion of Interior Refinishing	Yes
Nov 30	288	6	Charles A. Godwin 603 Pelican Drive	Replace Existing Siding	Yes
Nov 30	2A	1	Alicia Hollis	Replace Existing Parking Lot	Yes

**THERE'S A NEW, COOL BAND IN TOWN... THE WRAPPERS – by Kathy Foster**



**Leaseholder Nancy Hunt** Tying Off the Base of a Wrapped Palm Tree



**Leaseholders (left to right) Don & Noel Tweedel, Connie Dunlap & Ron Herring** "Team" a Tree



**Leaseholders Kim & Bob Haines** Finishing Up a Wrapping



*Who can take a palm tree, wrap it like a cane - The Tree Wrappers, the Tree Wrappers can The Tree Wrappers can 'cause they mix it with love and make the medians look good*



**Thank you to Christmas Chairwoman Nancy Hunt and her 'wrappers' for festooning the palm trees along Santa Rosa Boulevard with mylar banding. These candy cane look-alikes are sure to put folks in the holiday mood and make them smile.**

**Helping with the project were Bob & Kim Haines, Dave Hancock, Connie Dunlap & Ron Herring, Noel & Don Tweedel, Amy Hunt, Kathy Foster, Dean Hanson, Michelle Seitz and Nancy Hunt. Merry Christmas Everyone!**



**Wuzzle Puzzles Answers**

Wuzzle No. 1



**Tight Wad**

Wuzzle No. 2



**Block Head**

Wuzzle No. 3



**American Revolution**

Wuzzle No. 4



**Crossed Wires**



**December 2, 1982** - The first permanent artificial heart was implanted in 61-year-old Barney C. Clark by Dr. William De Vries at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. Clark, who was near death at the time of the operation, survived 112 days after the implantation.

**December 11, 1901** - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.



# SUNRISE, SUNSET IN OUR COMMUNITY

## SUNRISE



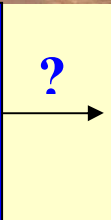
## SUNSET



 Sunrise, sunset  
 Sunrise, sunset  
 Swiftly fly the years.  
 One season following another,  
 Laden with tears.  
 happiness and  
 What words of wisdom can I  
 give them,  
 How can I help to ease their  
 way?  
 Now they must learn from one  
 another,  
 Day by day.  
 They look so natural together.  
 Just like two newlyweds  
 should be.  
 Is there a canopy in store for  
 me?  
 Sunrise, sunset   
 Sunrise, sunset  
 Swiftly fly the years,  
 One season following another,  
 Laden with happiness,



**PHOTO TAKEN OF  
 CHOCTAW BAY FROM  
 UNDER THE BROOKS  
 BRIDGE**  
 Photo by Vikki Mullins



**WHAT IS THE GLOWING  
 APPARITION STANDING  
 ON THE BEACH  
 WELCOMING THE RISING  
 SUN? - A SOLAR CHILD?**

**PHOTO TAKEN OF THE GULF  
 ON OKALOOSA ISLAND NEXT  
 TO THE SEACREST CONDO**  
 Photo by Robert Andrews



(left to right) **Asst. Chief Ray Strawn,  
 Chief Kevin Carvalho**

### NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT (OIFD) INTRODUCED TO THE LEASEHOLDERS AT THE NOVEMBER 13 MEETING

With the retirement of Chief Robert Tilley, the management team at the OIFD has changed. Assistant Chief Kevin Carvahol was promoted by the Fire District Board of Commissioners to Chief; then the Chief selected Ray Strawn to be his Assistant.

Prior to this move, Firefighter Strawn held the position of Captain. Chief Carvalho has 21 years of service with the OIFD; Asst. Chief Strawn has 11 years of service. Chief Carvalho promised that the Department would continue to provide first class service and resspones to the Island community. The Leaseholders welcomed the new team and there was total agreement that the OIFD was the best in the State of Florida.

# IT'S THE SEASON !!!...by Nancy Hunt, Chair, OILA Christmas Decoration Committee\*

This is our second year for our Island Holiday Celebration! Once again we decked out the Island entrance with lights and wooden displays constructed by **Jim Hendrix**. This year Jim introduced to us a new addition, a surfing snowman – **photo on the right!** I think we need to get this new resident a name; so please email me at [nancy.l.hunt@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.l.hunt@gmail.com) with any name suggestions and we can take a vote at the next OILA meeting. This year we created a red and white candy cane theme. The palm trees and poles were wrapped in red and white stripes and new holiday banners were hung to complete it. We need to thank our President, Tripp Tolbert, for kick starting this off last year with his \$500 donation which - he generously gave again this year. Also thanks to Jim Simpson for keeping things on track and getting the word out to all.



**HELP! I need a name!**

\*Committee Members are: **Maryl Bednar, Kim Haines, Missy Black, Dean Hansen, Dave Hancock, Cheryl Trapnell, Trisha LaBahn and Connie Herring**

**A huge thank you to all that helped:**

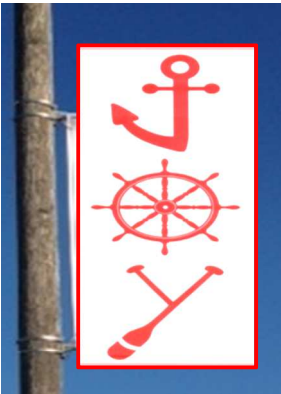
**Island display setup:** Gary Hunt, Bob Haines (our own electric guru), Dave Hancock, Noelle Tweedell. Tree wrapping and lights: Bob and Kim Haines, Kathy Foster, Michelle Seitz, Connie and Ron Herring, Noelle and Dan Tweedel, Dean Hanson, Amy Hunt.

**Prize procurement:** Dave Hancock, Tripp Tolbert (and Jessica Thibodeaux)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Decoration Contest** - Last year we awarded our adorable snowman sign for display to our first place winners in three categories: Best House, Best Condo, and Best Business. This year we will again award our First Place snowman sign to those winners. However, we are expanding our Best House category! We will have judging of winners for first, second, and third place. Very exciting is the addition of some FABULOUS PRIZES for this category!!! Since we are receiving such a great response from our Island businesses, we will also be awarding prizes to honorable mention house decorating win

**Thus far PRIZES DONATED are:**

- 2 night Stay at Ramada Okaloosa Island
- Gift certificate- Old Bay Steamer,
- \$100 Visa gift card from El Matador
- \$50 of points with a pizza – Wild Willies
- \$30 of points with a pizza – Wild Willies
- \$20 of points with a pizza – Wild Willies
- Fairfield Inn – Two Breakfasts for Two
- Tee shirt – High Tide
- Vince Bruner – Free rounds of Putt Putt and free ice cream
- Waffle House Gift Certificate





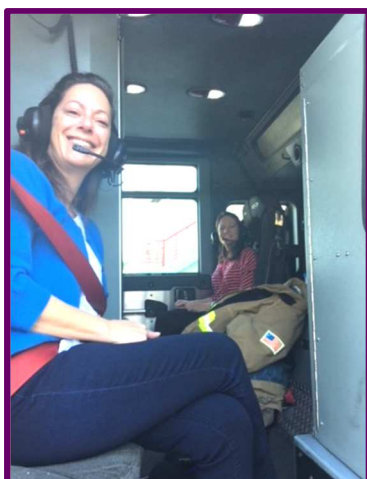
**UNCLE OILA SAYS: "I NEED YOU TO RENEW YOUR DUES!"**

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR OILA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017-2018.**

**RENEWAL NOTICES WERE SENT OUT ON SEPT 20, 2017. FOLLOW-UP NOTICES WILL BE SENT THIS MONTH. MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T RENEWED BY JAN 1, 2018 WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.**

**RECENTLY APPOINTED OKALOOSA COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT DEPT DIRECTOR & STAFF MEMBER VISIT THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- by Chief Kevin Carvalho



TDD Director **Jennifer Adams** (left) and **Charlotte Dunworth** Finance, Admin, & Compliance Manager (right) stopped by the OIFD for a meet and greet. The ladies were taken on a tour of the District by way of a first class ride in the

Okaloosa Island Fire would like to thank the TDD for their past support and a continued partnership for the future.



Jennifer (right) and Charlotte (left) stand in front of the beach truck that was purchased with funds through a partnership between OIFD and the TDD in 2014. The TDD paid half of the cost of the purchase with the Fire District paying the remaining portion.

**OILA WELCOMES OUR NEW FIREFIGHTER**

**Zander Dane Angelovic**



Age: 20 - Not married and no kids

**Years of Service:** Less than one year of Fire service experience. Zander has been a Beach Safety Lifeguard for South Walton and Okaloosa County since April of 2016.

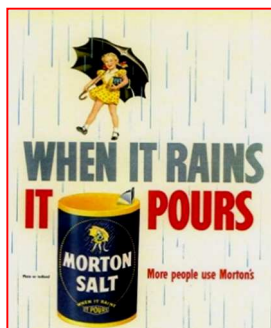
**Birth Place:** Laguna Hills, CA

**Achievements:** Zander completed EMT school in California while still enrolled in high school. He completed fire standards at Gulf Coast Stated College in July 2017. He is also a USLA (United States Lifesaving Association) certified lifeguard since April 2016.

**General Information:** Zander grew up surfing in California and has continued surfing since moving to the panhandle. He also enjoys long walks on the beach and being surrounded by nature.

**Education:** Eddison High School in Huntington Beach, CA. Zander also attended Orange Coast College while living in California. Zander completed fire school at Gulf Coast State College. Zander is also currently enrolled in Northwest Florida State College.

**WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS**



For centuries salt was served in a bowl, not a shaker. It couldn't be shaken, since it absorbs **water and sticks together.** The Morton Salt Co. Changed that in 1910 by covering ever grain with chemicals that keep water out – thus its famous slogan, "When it rains, it pours"

# CHRISTMAS ON OKALOOSA ISLAND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## CAROLING

### 'ROUND A

at **THE GULF - RESTAURANT**

**FRIDAY DEC. 8, STARTS 6:30**

**SPONSORED BY O.I.L.A.**

This will be our second annual caroling event.

It will be a Holiday Sing- a-Long around a blazing fire.

The Gulf restaurant will have a bonfire ready for us at 6:30. The outside restaurant and bar will be open for use. Bring your family and friends!

So... lets get together and visit with old friends and make new friends this holiday season as we sing out loud with JOYOUS voices.

## DROP OFF SITE

### PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

**LAST DAY - 12/19**

**Sponsored by O.I.L.A.**



This is our 2nd Annual Island Pantry Food Drive.

The Drop off location is inside our Island Fire Department (located next to the Old Bay Steamer)

Last year we were able to donate over 200 lbs of food items to Sharing and Caring of FWB.

Please bring donations of non-perishable foods and toiletry items to the drop off site through Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your kindness.

## ISLAND DECORATION

**JUDGING Dec. 17<sup>TH</sup> 7PM**

**HOUSE - 3 WINNERS WITH PRIZES**

**+ BEST for CONDO & BUSINESS**

**SPONSORED BY O.I.L.A.**

This year we are expanding our winners in the House Category. There will be First, Second and Third Place winners with Honorable Mention winners too. The House Category winners will be winning some FABULOUS PRIZES donated by our wonderful local businesses.

The Condo and Business winners will display our winning Snowman Sign. The judges will be our Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief and a Sheriff.

So have your decorations ready for the judging start time of 7pm Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>!



# MINUTES (DRAFT) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – November 13, 2017 Membership Meeting

**MEETING LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room      **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 pm

**I. Pledge of Alligence**

**II. ROLL:** Board Members Present: President Tripp Tolbert, Vice-President Dr. David Miller, Nancy Hunt and Glenn McRae

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The new Fire Chief of the Okaloosa Island Fire Chief, **Kevin (K.C.) Carvalho** and his new Assistant Chief, **Ray Strawn**, were introduced to the OILA membership. Chief Carvahlo committed to the Island residents that department would continue to provide excellent services. Several members made comments that our fire department is the best in the State of Florida.

**IV. MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 2017 and October 2017 minutes. The motion was approved.

## V. TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 - Jim Simpson

**OCT 9, 2017 TOTAL BALANCE: \$30,988.06**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 9, 2017.....\$ 28,204.60**

**RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:** .....Membership Dues.....\$ 770.00  
.....Newsletter Fees.....\$ 18.00

**TOTAL REVENUES.....\$ 788.00**

### EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Final payment to Dowd Law Firm for legal services in regards to 838 Tropic Dr.....\$ 467.50

Purchase of parts from Dixie Decoration to repair damage to street sign banners during  
Tropical Storm Nate (Kim Haines).....\$ 800.50

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$. 1,268,10**

### EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the November 2017 OIL Lantern.....\$ 22.05

**Total Expenses Pending Approval For Payment \$ 22.05**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES  
& EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF November 13, 2017 .....\$ 27,702.45**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 9, 2017.....\$ 1,421.28**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT .....No Expenditures**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Nov 13, 2017.....\$ 1,421.28**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF Oct 9, 2017....\$ 1,362.18**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF Nov 13, 2017.....\$ 1,362.18**

### SUMMARY: November 13, 2017 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.....\$ 27,702.45

-- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 1,362.18

**TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 30,485.91**

(November 2017 Minutes Continued on Next Page)

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report for October 2017 – Printed in the November 2017 **OIL LANTERN**

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson:** Jim advised that the membership renewal effort is continuing. He will continue to report the membership at 255 until the drive is completed at the end of December. So far, approximately 225 members have renewed; those who have not will be followed-up in December.

C. Website: **Bob Seitz: No report**

D. Boat Basin – **Carol Edlund: No report**

E. Street Lighting MSBU – **Paula Hudson:** Because of changes within the County's Financial Department we are having difficulty in getting the monthly reports and the final numbers for the fiscal year 2017. Not including any earned interest the MSBU fund grew by approximately \$8,500. We are still awaiting the October and November reports."

F. Derelict Property Committee Report – **Committee Members** No report. Dave Miller mentioned problems with tree and bush branches growing into and blocking into the streets in the single family residential area.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minimum Wake & Bridge to Bridge Hike & Bike Path Status – **Dave Hancock:** Dave Hancock and Tripp Tolbert have both been in contact with our legislative representatives about encompassing Santa Rosa Sound within a minimum wake zone. Meetings are scheduled to be held on this subject and status will be brought back to the membership. Dave advised that HDR was working with TDD to fund the hike and bike path. Our District 2 County Commissioner, Carolyn Ketchel, is the BOCC representative on the TDD Board. Dave also mentioned that the proposed hike and bike path would link into the path on the new Brooks Bridge.

B. Update on OILA Christmas on the Island – **Nancy Hunt:** Nancy advised that the Christmas street light pole banners have been ordered (a total of 20: 10 of a starfish Christmas tree and 10 of the Word "Joy" composed of nautical symbols). The food drive collection point will be the Island Fire Station (last day to drop off donation will be Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>); with respect to prizes for Christmas decorating there will be three categories (Best Business, Best Condo and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for private homes. There will be a "Caroling Around the Fire Pit" at The Gulf restaurant on Thursday, December 8, starting at 6:30 pm. Tripp advised that he was trying to string Christmas lights on the Destin West Hwy 98 cross-over bridge.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Utilization of the Street Light MSBU Funds to Enhance the Appearance of the Island – **Tripp Tolbert:** Tripp Tolbert asked about using surplus MSBU funds for beautification. Kathy Foster advised that a letter needed to be sent to the Board of County Commissioners detailing the particulars of the project; that 3 bids had to be submitted and the final decision to fund the project was up to the BOCC. Tripp passed out a photo of a road in Holiday Isles in which the palm trees were highlighted in light. Tripp solicited suggestions from the membership on landscaping improvement projects.

B. OILA participation in the 2018 Mardi Gras on the Island parade - **Jim Simpson:** Jim advised that the Gulf restaurant has agreed to sponsor the 2018 Mardi Gras on the Island parade. The Parade will be held on Saturday January 20, 2018. Jim will be recruiting volunteers to serve as riders, walkers and decorators. The float will be decorated on Friday, January 19 at 625 Pelican Drive (next to Jim house). A tip of the hat to Gary and Paula Hudson for providing a trailer.

C. OILA position on the subject of Sand and Beach Restoration – **Tripp Tolbert:** Tripp reiterated that the recent letter to the editor about sand and beach renourishment, while represented by the NWFDN as being from OILA, was not from OILA and did not reflect an official position of the Leaseholders on this issue. He notified the NWFDN of the implication. He proposed additional consultation with the Directors and the Leaseholders on how to proceed with an OILA position on this important matter.

D. Mooring Vessels in Santa Rosa Sound. Recently, barges have been anchored in Santa Rosa Sound in close proximity to houses, boats and docks. Considering that this activity involves safety and quality of life issues for Island property owners, a motion was made to write a letter to the Florida DEP and FWC requesting the removal of these abandoned and anchored barges and that copies of the letter be sent to the owners of these vessels. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Also a request was made and approved that an allocation of \$5,000 for legal expenses to pursue this issue be scheduled for consideration under new business at the December 2017 meeting

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.